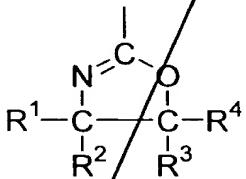


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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A photothermographic material comprising a support having provided on at least one side thereof a photosensitive silver halide, a photo-insensitive organic silver salt, a reducing agent for silver ion and a binder, wherein at least one layer constituting said photothermographic material comprises an oxazoline compound.

2. The photothermographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said oxazoline compound is a compound having two or more 2-oxazolyl groups represented by the following formula (1) in the molecule,



(1)

wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group, and the alkyl group or the aryl group may have a substituent.

3. The photothermographic material as claimed in claim 2, wherein said oxazoline compound is a polymer having the 2-oxazolyl group represented by the formula (1) in the side chain thereof.

4. The photothermographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of constitution layer or

layers provided on the same side of the support as said layer comprising the photo-insensitive organic silver salt comprises the oxazoline compound.

5. The photothermographic material as claimed in claims 4, wherein said layer comprising the photo-insensitive organic silver salt and one or more layer selected from layer or layers adjacent thereto comprise the oxazoline compound.

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